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## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Yasuo Yamao, et al.

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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 2, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On Page 1, between Lines 2 and 3, after "July 28, 1997" insert --now U.S. Patent No. 6,030,845--.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel without prejudice Claim 10.

In Claim 8, Line 4, delete "specifically reacting with" and insert --specific for--;

Line 5, delete "have been" and insert --are--; and

Line 7, delete "substantially".